

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 9 and 13 through 17 are pending, with Claims 1, 15, and 16 being independent. Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical matter.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting on September 4, 2008, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the July 7, 2008 Amendment, and Applicant understands that the Examiner is in tentative agreement that the Amendment may, upon further consideration, overcome the outstanding rejections, which are respectfully traversed.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested..

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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